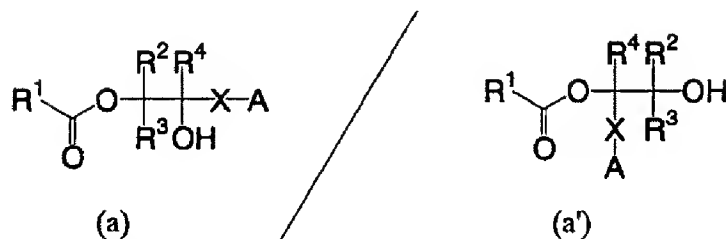


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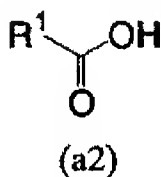
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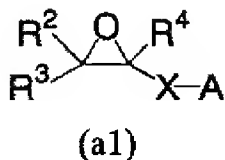
1. (Currently amended) A process for producing of a silicone compound represented by the following formulas (a) and/or (a'),



comprising reacting a carboxylic acid represented by the following formula (a2)




to an epoxy silane represented by the following formula (a1)



obtaining a metal salt of the carboxylic acid represented by the general formula (a2), and
~~subsequently mixing the epoxy silane represented by the general formula (a1), the~~
~~carboxylic acid represented by formula (a2), the metal salt of the carboxylic acid represented by~~
~~the general formula (a2) and water;~~

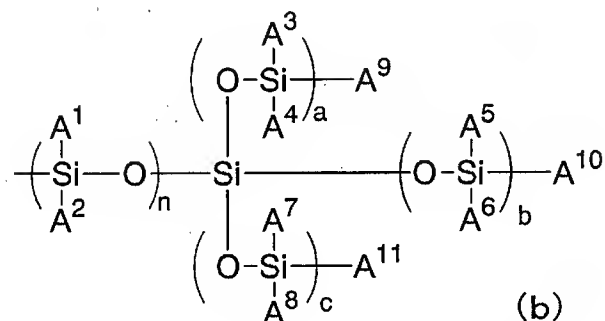
wherein the reaction is carried out in presence of 0.050.3 wt% or more water in said reaction system, wherein A denotes a siloxanyl group, R¹ denotes a substituent with 1 to 20 carbons having

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a polymerizable group, R^2 to R^4 respectively and independently denote hydrogen, a substituted or unsubstituted substituent with 1 to 20 carbons, or $-X-A$, and X denotes a substituted or unsubstituted divalent substituent with 1 to 20 carbons.

2. (Previously presented) A process for producing of a silicone compound, wherein the silicone compound obtained according to Claim 1 is purified by a silica gel column or an alumina column.

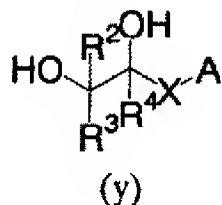
3. (Withdrawn) A silicone compound obtained by the process according to Claim 1, wherein the siloxanyl group A is an atomic group represented by the following formula (b),



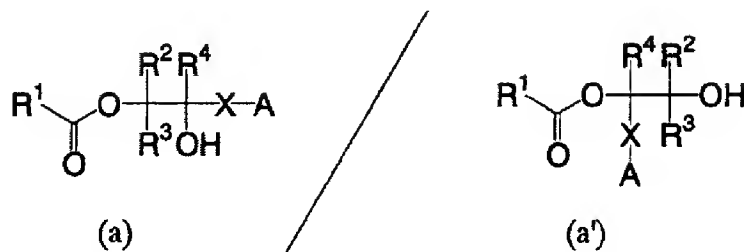
wherein, A^1 to A^{11} respectively and independently denote any one of hydrogen, a substituted or unsubstituted alkyl group with 1 to 20 carbon atoms and a substituted or unsubstituted aryl group with 6 to 20 carbons, n denotes an integer of 0 to 200, a, b and c denote respectively and independently an integer of 0 to 20, and $n = a = b = c = 0$ is not included.

4. (Withdrawn) A silicone compound according to Claim 3, wherein the siloxanyl group A is selected from the group consisting of tris(trimethylsiloxy)silyl group, bis(trimethylsiloxy)methylsilyl group and trimethylsiloxydimethylsilyl group.

5. (Withdrawn) A silicone compound in which a content of a compound represented by the following general formula (y) is 0.4% or more and 3% or less,

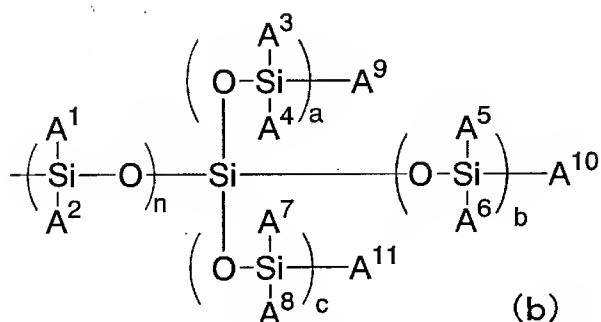


and the purity of the silicone compound represented by the following general formulas (a) and/or (a') is 87% or more,



wherein A denotes a siloxanyl group, R¹ denotes a substituent with 1 to 20 carbons having polymerizable group, R² to R⁴ respectively and independently denote hydrogen, a substituted or unsubstituted substituent with 1 to 20 carbons, or -X-A, and X denotes a substituted or unsubstituted divalent substituent with 1 to 20 carbons.

6. (Withdrawn) A silicone compound obtained by the process according to Claim 2, wherein the siloxanyl group A is an atomic group represented by the following formula (b),




wherein, A¹ to A¹¹ respectively and independently denote any one of hydrogen, a substituted or unsubstituted alkyl group with 1 to 20 carbon atoms and a substituted or unsubstituted aryl group with 6 to 20 carbons, n denotes an integer of 0 to 200, a, b and c denote respectively and independently an integer of 0 to 20, and n = a = b = c = 0 is not included.


$$\begin{array}{c}
 \text{A}^1 \\
 | \\
 \text{---}(\text{Si} \text{---} \text{O})_n \text{---} \text{Si} \text{---} \text{---} (\text{O} \text{---} \text{Si}) \text{---} \text{A}^{10} \\
 | \qquad \qquad | \qquad \qquad | \qquad \qquad | \qquad \qquad | \\
 \text{A}^2 \qquad \qquad \text{A}^3 \qquad \text{A}^4 \qquad \text{A}^5 \qquad \text{A}^6 \\
 \qquad \qquad \qquad | \qquad \qquad | \qquad \qquad | \qquad \qquad | \\
 \qquad \qquad \qquad \text{A}^7 \qquad \text{A}^8 \qquad \text{A}^9 \qquad \text{A}^{11} \\
 \qquad \qquad \qquad | \qquad \qquad | \\
 \qquad \qquad \qquad \text{A}^8 \qquad \text{A}^9
 \end{array}
 \quad (b)$$

8. (Previously Presented) The process of claim 7, wherein the siloxanyl group A is selected from the group consisting of tris(trimethylsiloxy)silyl group, bis(trimethylsiloxy)methylsilyl group and trimethylsiloxydimethylsilyl group.

$$\begin{array}{c}
 \text{R}^2\text{OH} \\
 | \\
 \text{HO}-\text{C}-\text{C}-\text{X}-\text{A} \\
 | \quad | \\
 \text{R}^3 \quad \text{R}^4
 \end{array}
 \quad (y)$$

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